



LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

March 15, 2005

The Honorable Board of Directors
Los Angeles County
Regional Park and Open Space District
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Directors:

**APPROVE AN ALTERNATIVE PLAN FOR EXPENDITURE
FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND HARBORS
FOR PROJECTS IN THE CITIES OF HERMOSA BEACH AND MANHATTAN BEACH AND
AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF GRANTS
(FOURTH DISTRICT — 3-VOTE MATTER)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed projects are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to the sections of the State CEQA Guidelines and classes of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, cited herein.
2. Approve an alternative plan for expenditure to allow the Department of Beaches and Harbors to assign the right to apply for Specified Project funds allocated to the Department of Beaches and Harbors under Section (3), Subsection (b), Paragraph (1) of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition) to the City of Hermosa Beach for its Lifeguard Station Project in the amount of \$1,900,000 and to the City of Manhattan Beach for its El Porto Retaining Wall Project in the amount of \$400,000.
3. Authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (District), to award grants to the Cities of Hermosa Beach and Manhattan Beach for the above projects and to administer the grants as of the date of this action and pursuant to procedures in the Procedural Guide for Specified and Per Parcel Projects.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approval of the recommended actions, as well as the related item on today's agenda, would allow the transfer of \$2,300,000 of the \$8,000,000 allocated to the Department of Beaches and Harbors under Section (3), Subsection (b), Paragraph (1) of the 1996 Proposition to the Cities of Hermosa Beach and Manhattan Beach.

Approval of the alternative plan for expenditure will allocate \$1,900,000 of the funds specified to the Department of Beaches and Harbors to the City of Hermosa Beach to replace a structurally unsound lifeguard building, a garage and a public restroom building at the Hermosa Beach Pier. The total cost for these improvements is \$5,800,000 including \$3,900,000 in City and State funding.

Approval of the alternative plan for expenditure will also allocate \$400,000 of the funds specified to the Department of Beaches and Harbors to the City of Manhattan Beach to build a new retaining wall outside of an old weakened wall that holds up the El Porto beach parking lot. The project also includes improvements to the public beach stairs and safety railing. The total cost for these improvements is \$1,800,000 including \$1,400,000 in City and Federal funding.

In a related action on today's agenda, the Department of Beaches and Harbors is requesting your Board's approval to assign the right to apply for these funds to the Cities of Hermosa Beach and Manhattan Beach for these purposes.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendations further the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goal No. 1 (Service Excellence), Goal No. 4 (Fiscal Responsibility), and Goal No. 5 (Children and Families' Well-being) by enabling the Cities of Hermosa Beach and Manhattan Beach to enhance the safety of beachgoers and to protect beach areas from erosion.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient funds for the projects, in the amount of \$2,300,000, are budgeted in the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's Assessment Project Fund (HB4) under Other Charges.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition set forth various deadlines for agencies to encumber funds allocated to them in the Proposition and further set forth procedures for agencies to request reallocation of those funds.

Specified Project funds identified in Section (3), Subsection (b), Paragraph (1) of the 1996 Proposition are subject to reallocation by your Board under the provisions of Section (5), Subsection (e), of the 1996 Proposition. After July 1, 2003, an alternative plan for expenditure may be approved by your Board to amend specific identified projects or to expend these funds on projects that are in accordance with the purposes of the 1996 Proposition within the area of the District in which funds were originally authorized to be expended.

If your Board does not approve the alternative plan for expenditure for the projects requested, the Department of Beaches and Harbors may either expend the funds to be assigned to the cities for the uses originally specified, request your Board's approval to fund different new projects with the funds, or relinquish its claim to the funds. If an agency were to relinquish its claim to funds, the funds would be available to your Board for reallocation for projects in one or more of the classes of expenditures specified in Section (3) of the 1996 Proposition.

County Counsel has reviewed this action as to form.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These actions will have no impact on any other projects funded through the District.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The City of Hermosa Beach's Lifeguard Station Project is exempt from CEQA according to Section 15302 (c) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 2 (e) of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the project provides for replacement or reconstruction of existing structures or facilities.

The City of Manhattan Beach's El Porto Seawall Project which includes stair and railing improvements is exempt from CEQA according to Sections 15302 (c) and 15303 of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 2 (e) and 3 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987,

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because the project provides for replacement of existing structures and new construction.

Projects funded by the District are also required to undergo the applicable CEQA review by the cities.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one conformed copy of this action to the Chief Administrative Office, Capital Projects Division and to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director, Parks and Recreation

c: Chief Administrative Officer
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors (22)
County Counsel